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SUBJECT: CSCE/CBM'S: OBSERVER INVITATIONS

1. WE WERE ADVISED BY A FONOFF OFFICIAL THAT THE ROMANIAN POLITICAL COUNSELOR IN BONN CALLED ON DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER ROTH ON SEPT. 30. FOR A TOUR D' HORIZON ON VARIOUS ARMS CONTROL ISSUES. THE GERMANS USED THE OCCASION TO PRESS FOR REASONS AS TO WHY THE ROMANIANS HAD FAILED EVEN TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE INVITATION TO SEND OBSERVERS TO CERTAIN TREK. THE GERMANS INDICATED THEY HAD ANTICIPATED AT LEAST A RESPONSE FROM THE THE ROMANIAN EMBASSY GIVEN THE ACTIVE ROLE THE ROMANIAN DELEGATION PLAYED IN GENEVA, PARTICULARLY THE INTEREST SHOWN IN CBM'S. THE ROMANIAN WAS, ACCORDING TO THE GERMANS, EXTREMELY EMBARRASSED WHEN THIS SUBJECT WAS RAISED AND INDICATED HE WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION.

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2. THE GERMANS BELIEVE THAT THE ROMANIAN COUNSELOR'S

EMBARRASSMENT CONFIRMS THEIR THEORY THAT THE SOVIETS
KNOCKED HEADS TOGETHER TO INSURE THAT THE WARSAW PACT
COUNTRIES WOULD NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN ANY MANNER WITH
OBSERVER INVITATIONS FROM NATO COUNTRIES.

3. IN DISCUSSING FUTURE, NON-NATO NOTIFIABLE
MANEUVERS TO WHICH OBSERVERS COULD BE INVITED, THE
GERMANS POINTED OUT TO US THAT THE SWISS WILL PROBABLY
HOLD SUCH A MANEUVER NEXT MONTH. IT IS NOT KNOWN
WHETHER THEY WILL INVITE OBSERVERS, BUT WE NOTE THAT
THE SWISS EMBASSY IN BONN HAS DESIGNATED AN OBSERVER
FOR CERTAIN TREK. SHOULD THE SWISS INVITE OBSERVERS,
IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO MONITOR EASTERN REACTION TO
SUCH AN INVITATION.
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